

**MINUTES OF THE GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
17145 MAUMEE AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN ON MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Scrace, Council Members Boettcher, Stempfle, Turnbull, Walsh and Weipert

In Attendance: City Manager Dame, Attorneys Fildew and Kennedy, City Clerk Arthurs, Finance Director Kleinow, Public Safety Director Poloni, Public Service Director Huvaere and Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stempfle to excused Council Member Parthum from the meeting for personal reasons.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PRESENTATION OF 2015 PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Chief Poloni presented Life Saving Awards to Lt. John Alcorn, Sergeant Ronald Sandzik, Sergeant Joseph Adams, and Public Safety Officer Thomas Martindale. The 2015 MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Award was presented to Sergeant Jean-Pierre Cormier. The Officer of the Year for 2015 is Detective Sergeant Christopher Lee. Chief Poloni thanked the officers for their dedicated police work. Chief Poloni further noted the exceptional work performed by Detective Sergeant Lee during the transition of the department in the past year.

Council expressed its gratitude for the officers' exemplary service to the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Stempfle to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the following:

1. Minutes from the regular Council Meeting held on February 22, 2016 and the closed session held on February 22, 2016.
2. Invoices
  - a. Official Payments – 2 Returned checks reimbursement 2/1/16 – 2/29/16 - \$8,735.19
  - b. Compass Minerals – Salt, February 2016 - \$5,625.20
  - c. Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick
    - 2016 Resurfacing 1/10/16 – 2/7/16 - \$21,777.22
    - Fisher Road Water Main 1/10/16 – 2/7/16 - \$5,899.33
  - d. M.L. Schoenherr Construction – City Hall roof, payment #6 - \$36,900
  - e. Great Lakes Water Authority – Sewage disposal – February 2016 - \$70,700
  - f. BS&A – Building Dept. program training – February 2016 - \$5,635
3. Public Hearing date for single lot assessments set for Monday, April 18, 2016.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

LINING OF STORM SEWER ON ST. PAUL

Public Service Director Huvaere made the following report:

Due to issues of repeated street flooding during rain events on section of St. Paul, during the preparation of plans and specs for the St. Paul road resurfacing project, the city had National Industrial Maintenance clean, televise, and inspect the storm sewer lines on St. Paul.

One of the issues was the condition of 230 feet of 10 inch storm sewer located in the greenbelt on the south side of St. Paul from Neff Rd. to Neff Lane. This storm sewer line has multiple cracks and offset joints but appears to be line able with the possible exception of one area located beneath a large tree.

Utility Services Authority, LLC recently completed the lining components of the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. The City competitively bid and awarded that project. Utility Services Authority has agreed to extend the price under that contract for this new section of storm sewer. The cost is \$13,880. This method is significantly less expensive than replacing this sewer line by the open cut method.

Motion by Council Member Weipert second by Council Member Turnbull to authorize existing contract pricing with Utility Services Authority, LLC to be contractually extended to this additional section of storm sewer on St. Paul in the amount of \$13,880.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

#### SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – STATIONS IN THE STREET

Director Poloni made the following report:

The City received a request from Fr. Kowalczyk, Pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park outlining a public procession proposed for Friday, March 26. The request asks for the use of the non-vehicular portion of Kercheval from Fisher to Neff on that day between 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm. The processional event is being called “Stations in the Street” and is supported by an association of the churches in the Grosse Pointes known as the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association. It is an event open to anyone and expected attendance is about 100 people. Discussion took place regarding logistics of the event, parking for the event and its effect on traffic flow. St. Clare has provided the City with a Hold Harmless Agreement and has named the City of Grosse Pointe as an additional insured on their insurance for this event.

Motion by Council Boettcher second by Council Member Stempfle to approve the special event, with the requirement that the residences immediately adjacent to Kercheval (both sides) be provided notice of the event at least a day in advance.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

#### PROPOSED ORDINANCE – SPECIAL EVENTS

City Manager Dame made the following report:

The proposed special events ordinance has been drafted to create a formal policy and procedure for dealing with events using public spaces sponsored by organizers who are not the City of Grosse Pointe. The draft ordinance formalizes many practices that have evolved in dealing with previous events and include security deposits, listing the city as additional insured, indemnification statement and charging for use of city personnel or property. The ordinance will ensure that uniform procedures are established for all applications for special events.

#### ORDINANCE ADOPTION

MOTION by Council Member Stempfle supported by Council Member Weipert, that the following ordinance be adopted:

#### ORDINANCE NO. 424

An Ordinance to regulate special events in the City of Grosse Pointe adding Article III, Chapter 50, Section 50-40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grosse Pointe

(For complete text of Ordinance No. 424 - see Ordinance Book of the City of Grosse Pointe)

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE – CIVIL INFRACTIONS AND SIGNS

City Manager Dame made the following report:

The proposed ordinance makes two changes:

1. Violations of the sign code civil infractions instead of misdemeanors. Most of the other code violations are already considered civil infractions and is preferred manner of handling issues.
2. Delete section 58-11(d) 12 prohibiting A-frame signs. This section conflicts with the Portable Sign Ordinance found in Section 58-10(h) which set conditions under which A-frame or other portable signs are allowed outside of businesses.

These changes would make treatment of code violations consistent as civil infractions and clarifies the section regarding portable signs. As a means to promote the use of portable signs that comply with the ordinance, it is also proposed to lower the annual permit fee from \$40 to \$25.

MOTION by Council Member Stempfle supported by Council Member Weipert, that the following resolution and ordinance be adopted:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual permit fee for portable signs be \$25.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

MOTION by Council Member Stempfle supported by Council Member Turnbull, that the following ordinance be adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 425

An Ordinance to amend and re-state in its entirety Section 1-17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grosse Pointe, relating to violations constituting municipal civil infractions

(For complete text of Ordinance No. 425 - see Ordinance Book of the City of Grosse Pointe)

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Public Safety Director Poloni presented his written 2015 Public Safety Report.

Serious crimes, known as Index crimes, increased 2% in 2015. The actual number of index crimes reported to the Department was 106 which increased from the 103 reported in 2014. Non index crimes increased in 2015. The number of non-index crimes reported to the Department was 150 in 2015, which was an increase from 30 in 2014. Non- index crimes are the less serious category of offenses. 16 out of the 20 in this increase category were related to drug or alcohol offenses such as Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) or Operating Under the Influence of Drugs (OUID). Total adult arrests for the year were 132, which is a 50% increase. There were also 34 juveniles detained for various offenses, which was a significant decrease from 2014. Our officers responded to 5200 calls for service in 2015 involving criminal and non-criminal related runs, which reflects a 1.5% increase. Chief Poloni discussed the investigative division, calls for service, firefighting response and lost overview. Chief Poloni answered various Council questions regarding the report.

The Council commended Director Poloni and the Public Safety Department for another good year of service to the community.

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COUNCIL DISCUSSION – 2016-17 BUDGET AND COUNCIL GOALS/PRIORITIES

City Manager Dame presented a memorandum discussing a draft list of Council priorities for 2016. Mr. Dame discussed his memorandum and options to deal with City operational issues and long-term financial considerations. Discussion took place regarding projected imbalance in revenues from expenses from project personnel salary expenses and health care costs for retirees exceeding the anticipated rate of property tax inflation allowed under Proposition A/Headlee. Council discussed the goals and priorities set forth in the memorandum and gave Mr. Dame feedback and direction on the draft goals. Mr. Dame answered various Council questions.

Motion by Council Member Walsh second by Council Member Turnbull to adopt the City of Grosse Pointe City Council Goals for 2016-17 as presented.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Bries advised that the Respect for Law Breakfast will be held in May. Invitations to Council will be sent out in the near future.

George McMullen advised that the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast will be held on May 5. More information will be available in the coming months.

STAFF REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Director Hardenbrook advised that the Spring Egg Hunt will be held this Thursday. City Clerk Arthurs reported on the high Election Day turnout for the Presidential Primary.

COUNCIL COMMENT

The City Council commented on the following topics:

- City Foundation will be purchasing mountain bikes for use by the Public Safety Department bike patrol.
- Details were discussed regarding the MML Convention held this week in Lansing.

On Motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe